

# A Sacred Heart School: identity and mission



- Governors' Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012
- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Fenham



# Mission Statement



“Implicit in our philosophy as a Catholic school, rooted in the educational tradition of the Society of the Sacred Heart, is the belief that each child is individual, unique and deserving of love, care and the opportunity to develop his/her full potential...”



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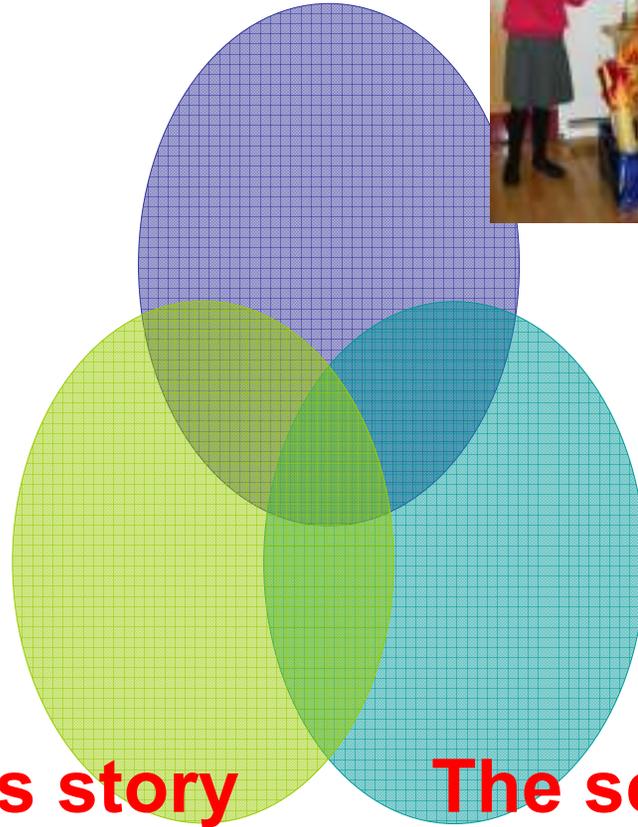
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# My Story



**The Society's story**

**The school's story**



# Key Figures



“making visible God’s love”

# Madeleine Sophie

- Born in Burgundy in 1779, died in Paris 1865
- Influences

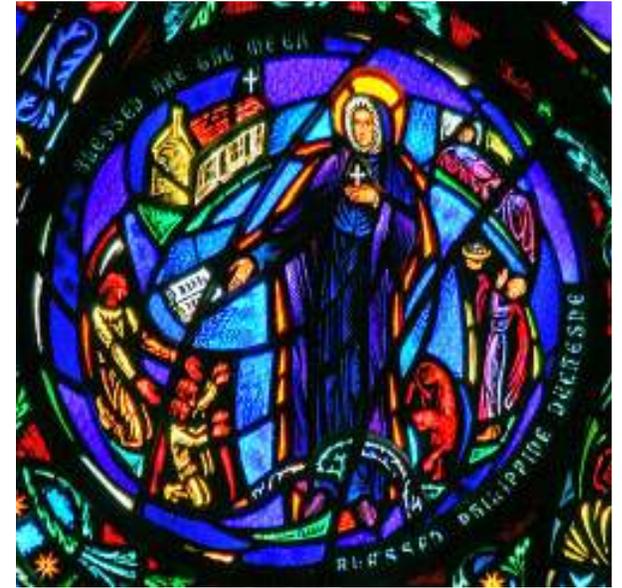


# The Revolution

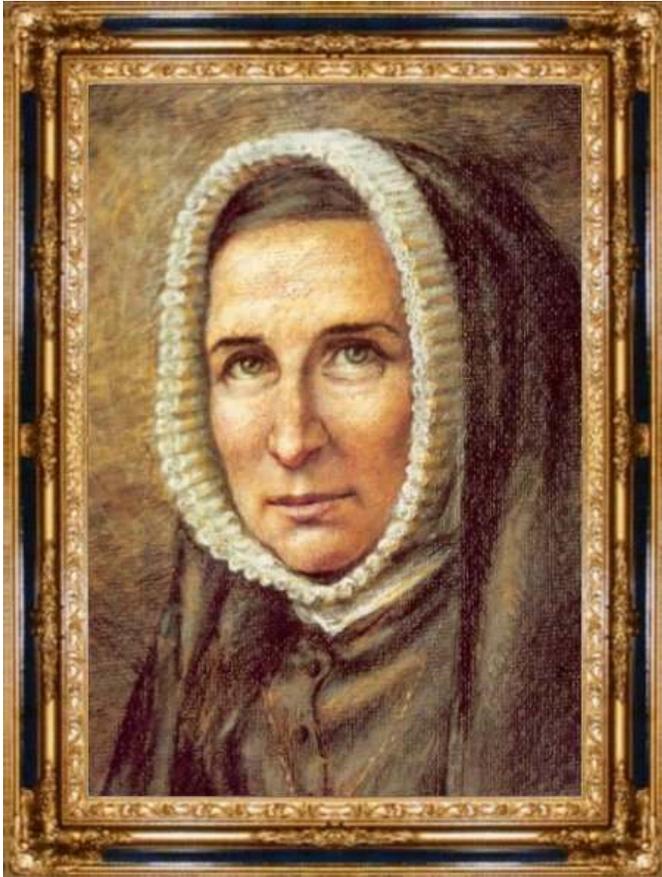


# Madeleine Sophie

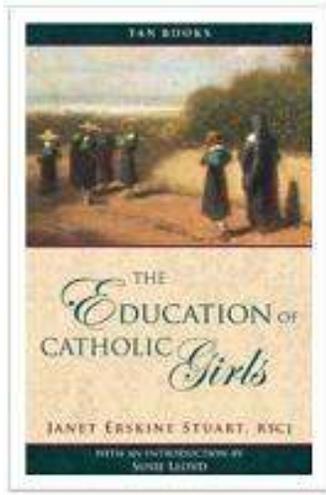
- Education
- Fr Varin
- Founding the Society
- Growth of the Society



# Rose Philippine Duchesne



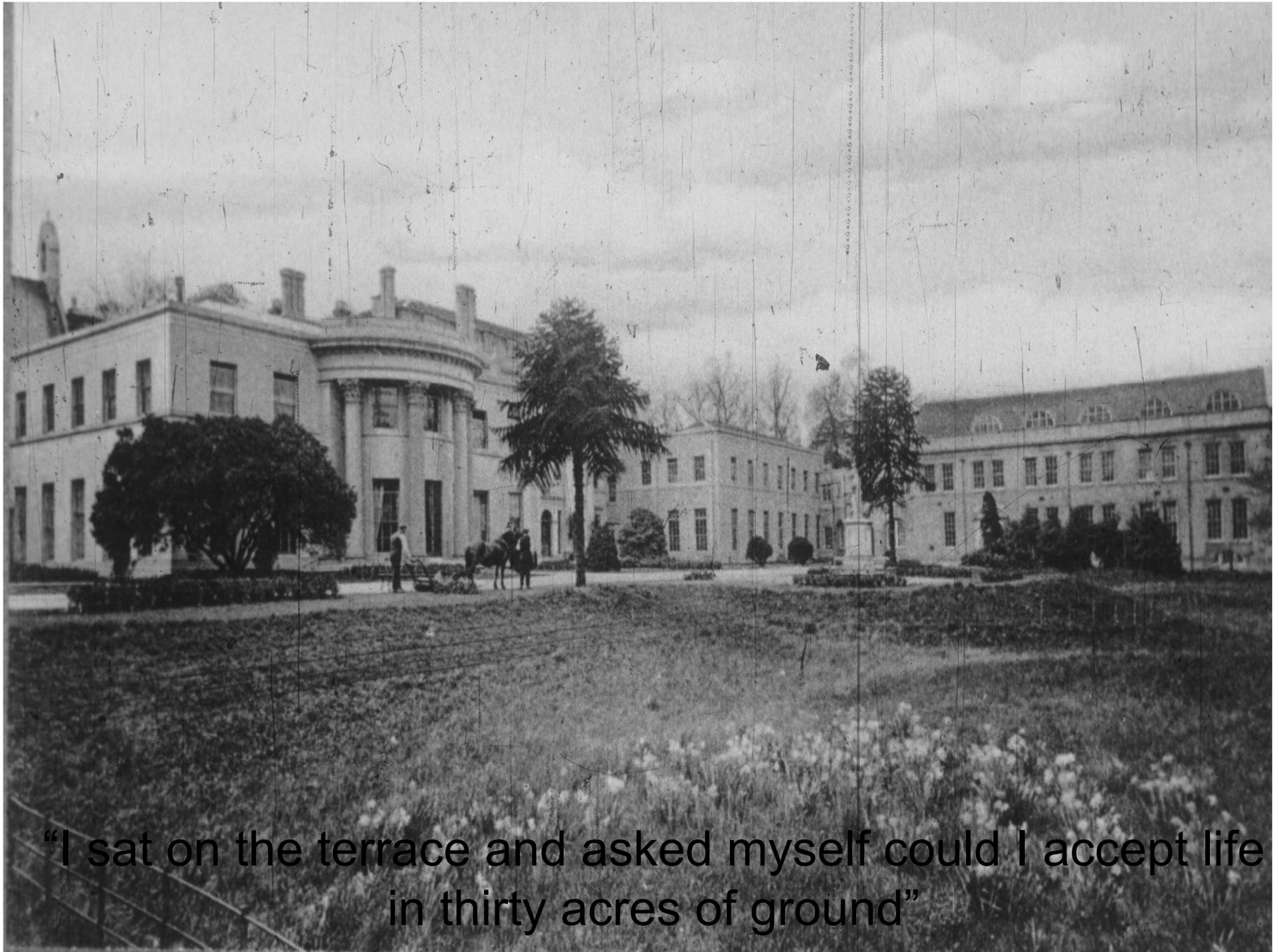
- Born Grenoble 1769
- 1787 became a religious
- 1789 French Revolution
- 1804 Joined Society
- 1815 Moved to Paris
- 1818 Set off for USA
- <http://www.ash1818.org/main/static-buttons/media-gallery-3?album=2&gallery=53>
- 1840 Mission to Potawatomi People  
“The woman who prays always”



# Janet Erskine Stuart

“Let us hold back nothing; let us give God a full gift, with both hands, with all our heart.”





“I sat on the terrace and asked myself could I accept life  
in thirty acres of ground”

# A multi faceted woman



- Friend and confidante (letters..)
- A searcher in matters of mind and spirit
- Educator and teacher (conferences, lesson observations, a “treatise”)
- Writer: prose and poetry
- Administrator
- Leader
- Intrepid traveller



“We bring up children for the future, not for the present, not that we enjoy the fruit of our own work, but for others....

...it is better to begin a great work than finish a small one.”



Mother Betzler Lecturer  
in

O. T. Scripture



Lettering



Bookcraft

first-hand work



Sr. Hughes, Sr. Jane, Sr. Josephine, Sr. Maria, Sr. Peter



At Office



The Organist Sr. Hughes



Shrine of Mater Admirabilis



Sister Hewitt

Learning to read



SISTER HEWITT

Practical Geography

# Fenham Elementary School



Elliot & Fry. CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART (Fenham), NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE London, W.



The Fenham Hall stables  
became a school known by many names:  
St. Joseph's Day School,  
Elementary School,  
College Practising School,  
Primary School.  
Buildings were added as well as a  
Secondary Modern School.  
School on all 3 pictures as seen  
from the garden.



Convent of the Sacred Heart  
St. Mary's Training College

# Vatican II



- The adaptation and renewal of the religious life includes both the constant return to the sources of all Christian life and to the original spirit of the institutes and their adaptation to the changed conditions of our time.

# Changes in the Society

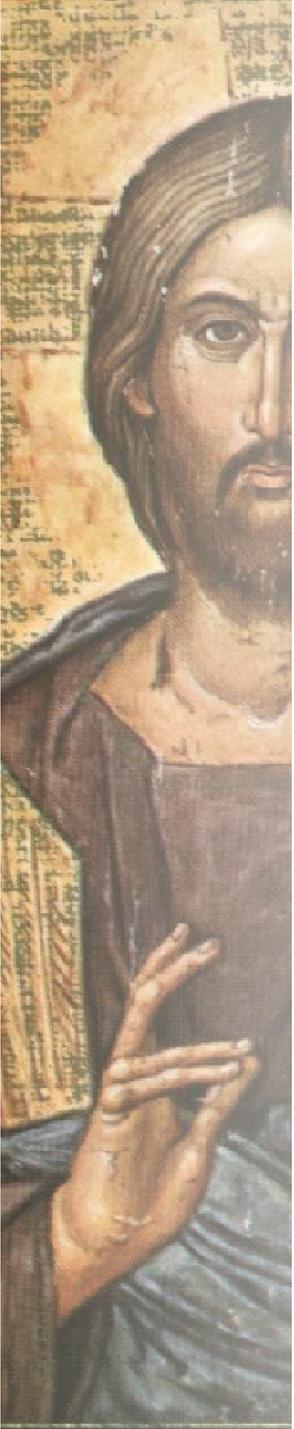


- Broader vision of education
- Smaller communities
- Chapters lead priorities
- Listening for the heartbeat of Christ
- Centrality of relationships
- Removal of the habit



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# Focus on the Individual

“For the sake of  
the soul of one  
child, I would  
have founded  
the society”

Madeleine Sophie



# **A realistic as well as philosophical approach**

- Things are changing in the field of education. We must revise our plan of studies. 1863
- If one does not watch over oneself with the greatest of care, there is a danger of taking on so much that time is wanting and strength is weakened.
- We must know how to inspire in our pupils a passion for the beautiful.

# Reflecting on the words of Madeleine Sophie

Read through them.

Which of these rings true to you? Why that one? Which speak to you of what you witness here?

Which other ones appeal to you? Why?

Please share your choices and thoughts.

# Other “sayings”

- “Cultivate the wish to learn rather than be taught.” JES
- “the first and most essential point is that we ourselves must care about what we teach..” JES
- “A good teacher must not lecture, but employ focussed questions..” JES
- “We answer the call- to discover and make known the love of Jesus” Constitutions
- “Christ is present, hidden in the heart of the world” Constitutions
- To work in close cooperation...in leading children to a living faith, based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Mission Statement SHCPS



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# Sacred Heart Primary, Fenham



# The Network of Sacred Heart Schools, in England







Sacré Coeur

Sacred Heart

Sagrado Corazón

Sacro Cuore

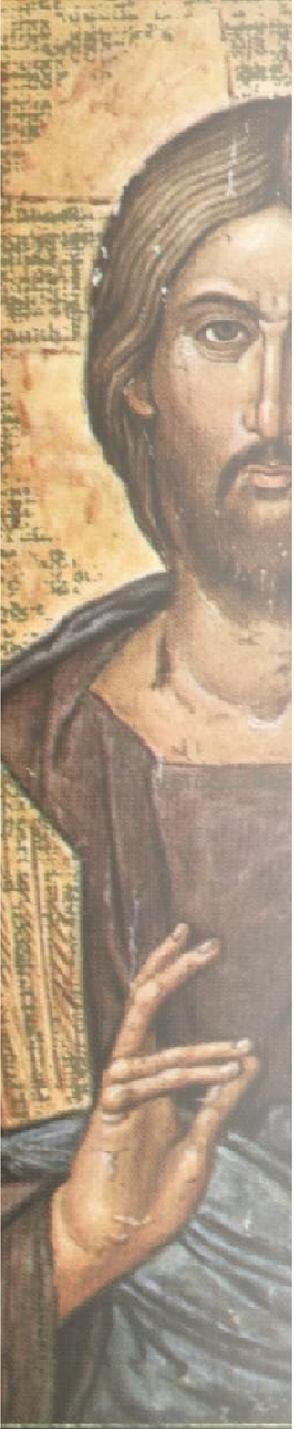
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# Taiwan 2011





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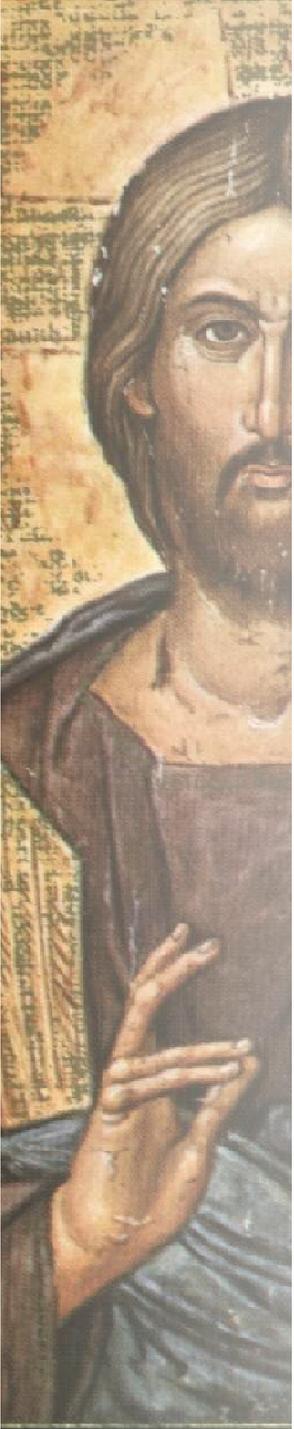


**SCHOOL COUNCIL**



**SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

DATE	TIME
20/3	10:30
PEOPLE PRESENT	
Mr. Khan	Grace + Daisy
Year 1	Jasmine + Joseph
Year 2	Jody + Joe
Year 3	
MATTERS ARISING	
1	Tea Bags - send home soon
2	Letter Fairtrade brought £1 to be in Fashion shop 2:00
3	Send bags home soon
4	Getting ready to send home the bags
5	Year 3 mass
6	Buy box of tea
7	Lots of planning for Fairtrade (see other sheet from Caitlin)
8	Packet Money Pledges someone spoke Ben to ask Mrs. Sweeney for FMP Certificate
POINTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING	
9	Friday March 12 <sup>th</sup> Mr. Whithead Charity with PMP money
10	March 15 <sup>th</sup> FMP Alan and Albert
	Next meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Last Forgoing School Council Newsletter	



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全球聖心教育五大目標  
GOALS OF A SACRED HEART EDUCATION

融入信仰的生活

A Personal and Active Faith in God

尋求智慧的價值

A Deep Respect for Intellectual Values

關懷社會的行動

A Social Awareness Which Impels to Action

建立互愛的團體

The Building of Community as a Christian Value

尊重自由的發展

Personal Growth in an Atmosphere of Wise Freedom



THE GOALS  
SACRED HEART EDUCATION

A personal and active faith in God

A deep respect for intellectual values

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# Reflection on Mission

How does the Mission Statement echo/expand on the Five Goals of Sacred Heart Education?

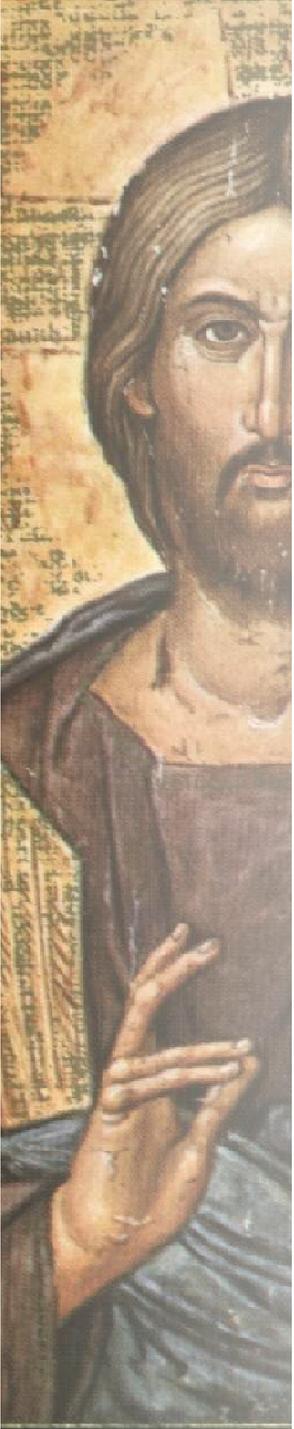
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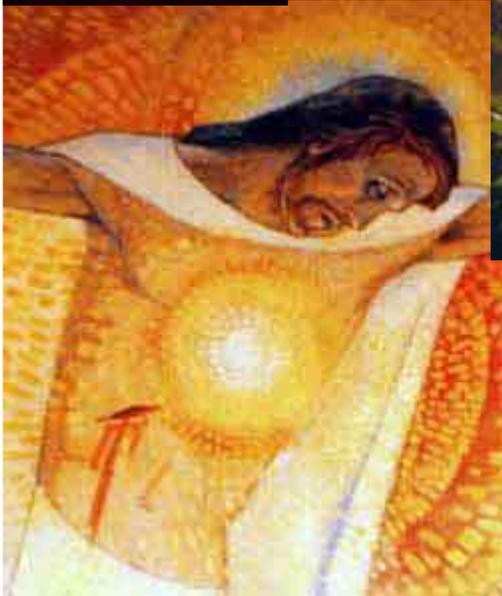
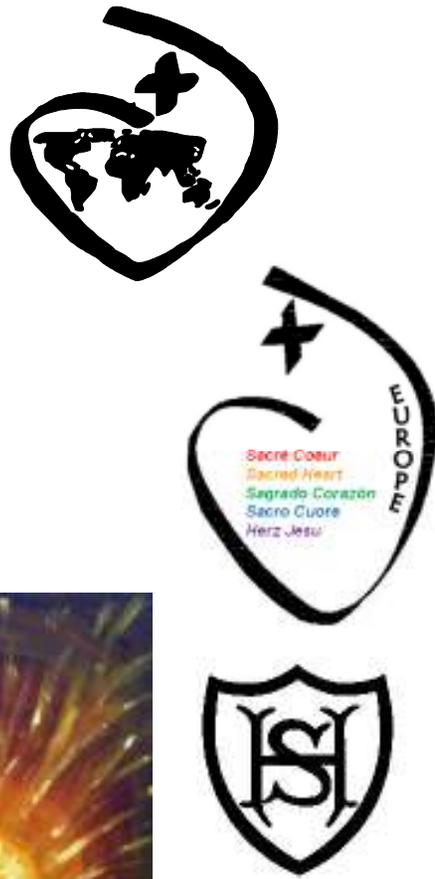


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# Sophie and the Heart of Jesus

- Lose yourself in the immensity of the Heart of Jesus
- Repay our God love for love, heart for heart
- Great hearts, generous hearts are required in the family of God's Heart.
- The Heart of Jesus is for us shelter, food, fire, light, cool water.....It is our element, our path our life, our all.
- Give all and you shall find all.



Be humble,  
be simple  
and  
bring joy  
to others.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux



# Be the Heart of Jesus: open to the world, embracing the universe

